GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Report on Minority Issues
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether UN human rights council has made a report titled "Report of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues" and India's permanent representative to the UN have allegedly dismissed the report; and

(b) if so, the salient features of this report pertaining to India and the reasons of our representative in the UN for dismissing it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) & (b) The Report by the Special Rapporteur (SR) of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) on minority issues Ms. Rita Izsak was tabled under Agenda item 3 pertaining to promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development during the 31st Session of UNHRC held from 29 February to 24 March, 2016. The report provided an update of SR's activities during 2015 and included thematic analysis on the topic of minorities and discrimination based on caste and analogous systems of inherited status. India made an intervention during the interactive dialogue with the SR on minority issues held on 15 March, 2016 which is placed at the Annex.